

**APRIL 09 2021**

The third and last day of the Regional Assembly began with the Morning Prayer from the Breviary, led by Bro Michael Muogbo. It was then followed by the Holy Mass presided over by Fr James Edeh. In the Homily he said that the timing of the Assembly was in agreement with God's timing. Though most of us had no experience and had expressed doubt and fear over the Region and the success of the Assembly, yet everything went on according to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The first session of the day started with a prayer led by Bro Michael Muogbo. It was followed by an address by the secretary of the Assembly. He introduced the day's programme after which the minutes of the previous day was read out by the actuary. A correction was made and the minutes were passed.

The Assembly proceeded to reexamine all the priorities and operative guidelines discussed and synthesized. Some points were changed and some others removed. There was a short recess and after the break the Superior General addressed the Assembly. He spelt out the qualities to consider before electing the Councillors. Some members then expressed their gratitude to the Superior General and his Councillors for their support and accompaniment. The oldest member in the region also had a chat with the Superior General.

After a break the Regional Superior read out the procedures for the election of the Councillors from the Constitution and the Service of Authority in the Society of St Paul: Manual. After that the election began. Fr Jikson Mullasseril was elected the first councillor with an absolute majority after the third round. Fr Gerard Tanko was elected the second Councillor with an absolute majority on the first round. The Regional Superior then congratulated and introduced the councillors to the assembly members. The members then had a break and within that period took photos.

The afternoon session began with the vetting of the statute for the Region followed by the voting of the final draft. All members voted in support of it. The minutes of the day's meeting was read out and passed by the Assembly. The secretary thanked the Assembly members for their participation and corporation. Soon after that the Regional Superior thanked and appreciated all. He thanked the General Government, the Provincial of India- Great Britain-Ireland Province, and the Archbishops of Ibadan for their support and guidance. He also thanked all the members who had been part of different committees for all their service. After this the Regional superior declared the first Regional Assembly of the Nigerian Region closed. A concluding prayer was said by Fr Robert Correa.